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Letter dated 9 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to forward herewith, in my capacity as the representative of the Current Chairman of the African Union, the communiqué adopted at the 37th meeting of the Peace and Security Council of the African Union, held in Addis Ababa on 8 September 2005, concerning the situation in Burundi (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Communiqué of the 37th meeting of the Peace and Security Council

The Peace and Security Council (PSC) of the African Union (AU), at its 37th meeting, held on 8 September 2005, adopted the following decision on the situation in Burundi:

The Council,

1. **Welcomes** the conclusion of the transitional period in Burundi, the successful conduct of the electoral process and the peaceful transfer of power to democratically elected institutions, which constitute a landmark in the efforts to promote lasting peace and reconciliation in Burundi;

2. **Further welcomes** the election of Mr. Pierre Nkurunziza as President of the Republic of Burundi and the establishment of new institutions, based on the principles defined beforehand by the Burundian Constitution. In this respect, the Council **commends** the Burundian parties for their achievement with regard to gender representation;

3. **Congratulates** the people of Burundi and all stakeholders in the country for their determination and patience, which made it possible to achieve considerable progress in the promotion of peace, stability and reconciliation in Burundi;

4. **Further congratulates** the members of the Regional Peace Initiative for Burundi, the Facilitation of the Burundi Peace Process, the United Nations and all other bilateral and multilateral partners of Burundi for the critical role they played in the peace efforts in Burundi;

5. **Congratulates** the African Mission in Burundi (AMIB), deployed from April 2003 to June 2004, the Protection Force for political leaders, which operates under an AU mandate, and the United Nations Operation in Burundi (ONUB), for their support and important contribution to the implementation of the Arusha Peace and Reconciliation Agreement and subsequent agreements reached by the Burundian parties;

6. **Encourages** the Government of Burundi and all other stakeholders to work resolutely towards the consolidation of the progress made and the conclusion of the peace process, including the security sector reform and the training of the new security forces, the enhancement of national reconciliation and the recovery and reconstruction of the country;

7. **Urges** that renewed efforts be made for the conclusion of a ceasefire agreement with the PALIPEHUTU/FNL. In this respect, the Council **appeals urgently** to the PALIPEHUTU/FNL to join the peace process without delay;

8. **Stresses the need** for sustained support by the international community in order to consolidate the achievements made in Burundi. In this respect, the Council **appeals** to all the partners of Burundi to provide the requisite assistance, in particular financial and socio-economic, for the post-conflict reconstruction and development of Burundi.